

## **Minutes of the Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee of September 2, 2008**

Pursuant to notice filed with the Town Clerk, the Sustainable Energy Committee (Committee) met at 7:05 p.m. in the first Floor Meeting room at 141 Keyes Road.

Present:

Pamela Hathaway

Sally Hughes

Brian Crounse

Tyke Crowley

Dinny McIntyre [Selectmen's Liaison]

Mr. Crounse convened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

### **Review of Minutes from June 5, 2008**

Mrs. Hathaway moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Crounse seconded. All voted in FAVOR.

### **Elect New Officers**

Ms. Hathaway commented that she is thinking about becoming chair, but has serious reservations due to the previous year. She has concern about the effort and energy just to get people to come to the meetings. She felt that the committee has yet to establish itself in the Town.

Ms. McIntyre commented that it takes time to develop the committees and is a slow process.

Mr. Crowley asked whether it is possible to restructure the committee to get more active members, to which Ms. McIntyre replied yes.

The election of officers was postponed until next meeting as the discussion shifted to Committee goals.

### **Committee Goals**

Ms. Hathaway noted that Mr. Detweiler had volunteered to assume lead for the business outreach and was expected to submit more detailed plan at the next meeting. She expressed the importance of having the school more involved.

Ms. McIntyre suggested that the Committee contact Dianna Rigby to get an appointment from the schools from either the administration or the school board.

Mr. Crounse expressed an interest in altering the requirements of the Sawyer Trust because it is too restrictive.

Ms. McIntyre suggested discussing it with the Town Manager and Jack Clymer.

### **Long-term Goals**

Mr. Crounse several ideas for broad goals such as establish a carbon footprint, pass an article at Town-meeting in 2009, promote renewable energy projects and publish two articles in Concord Journal.

Ms. Hathaway stated that she has concerns with taking on larger goals. She opined that she feels the Town doesn't know the Committee; and the Committee doesn't have strong advocate, to which Ms. McIntyre commented that the goals should be about advocating behavioral changes and less about who is on the Committee.

Ms. Hathaway commented that it seems the goals should be: carbon foot print; focus on energy audits and Sawyer fund; and develop a message for internal and external audiences. Ms. Hughes expressed her support for those three goals.

Mr. Crounse noted the difficulties in thinking big while struggling to get small items moving. He suggested ideas for a Town Warrant like net metering, to which Ms. McIntyre commented that she thought it too soon and too ambitious.

Ms. Hathaway explained the Thirty Percent campaign to boost energy efficiency by improving the building code.

Mr. Crowley also mentioned incremental price rates for electricity, which Ms. McIntyre noted that Town Management has discussed.

### **Tasks Assigned**

Brian Crounse—volunteered to contact Chris Whelan and Diana Rigby.

Pamela Hathaway—volunteered to review the Thirty Percent Solution to present information at the next meeting.

Sally Hughes—volunteered to talk to Dave Anderson about the boilers at the school and to present at the next meeting a plaque for the Sawyer Trust Fund.

Dinny McIntyre—volunteered to nominate Eric Gamage and to talk to Public Works for a new representative.

Tyke Crowley—volunteered to check with Jon Odell about the status of the CMLP survey; help Pamela with researching building code information; propose a schedule for the Committee meetings and investigate whether the Library can hold meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tyke Crowley,  
Clerk